

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) A laminated substantially L-shaped packaging restraint, comprising:

a first layer of a compressible, resilient material, the first layer having a major surface defined as first surface of the first layer and an opposite major surface defined as second surface of the first layer;

a substantially L-shaped second layer of an abrasion-resistant material, the second layer having a major surface defined as first surface of the second layer and an opposite major surface defined as second surface of the second layer, the second surface of the second layer having an attachment member, and

the second surface of the first layer secured to selected surface portions of the first surface of the second layer to provide the laminated substantially L-shaped packing restraint.

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A laminated substantially L-shaped packing The restraint according to claim 2, comprising:

a first layer of a compressible, resilient material, the first layer having a major surface defined as first surface of the first layer and an opposite major surface defined as second surface of the first layer;

a second layer of a compressible, resilient material, the second layer having a major surface defined as first surface of the second layer and an opposite major surface defined as second surface of the second layer;

a substantially L-shaped layer of an abrasion-resistant material, the L-shaped layer having a major surface defined as first surface of the L-shaped layer and an opposite major surface defined as second surface of the L-shaped layer, wherein the L-shaped second layer comprises a first leg and a

second leg joined together at a vertex, wherein the vertex comprises a groove in the first surface of the L-shaped second-layer and wherein the first layer is a first, first layer segment and further includes a second, first layer segment wherein the first, first layer segment is secured to the first surface of the first leg of the L-shaped second-layer and the second, first layer segment is secured to the first surface of the second leg of the L-shaped second-layer with the groove in the first surface of the L-shaped second-layer between the first, and second, first layer segments layers to provide the laminated substantially L-shaped packing restraint, and

an attachment member on the second surface of the L-shaped layer.

Claim 5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The restraint according to claim 2, wherein the first and second layers comprise different materials.

Claim 7 (Original) The restraint according to claim 2, wherein the first layer is an inner layer comprising at least one material selected from cork, rubber and foamed or non-foamed polymeric materials.

Claim 8 (Original) The restraint according to claim 7, wherein the polymeric materials are selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polybutene, polybutadiene, polycarbonate, neoprene, polyisoprene, polyvinyl chloride, polystyrene, polypropylene, polyurethane, polyesters, polyalkanes, and polyalkenes.

Claim 9 (Original) The restraint according to claim 7, wherein the inner layer comprises foamed polyethylene.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The restraint according to claim 9, wherein the foamed polyethylene is formed under a pressure of 3 to 9 pounds per square inch (~~-0.2 kilograms/square meter to 0.6 square/meter~~).

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) The restraint according to claim 2, wherein the second layer is an outer layer comprising at least one material selected from metal, wood, and foamed or non-foamed polymeric materials.

Claim 12 (Original) The restraint according to claim 11, wherein the polymeric materials are selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polybutene, polybutadiene, polycarbonate, neoprene, polyisoprene, polyvinyl chloride, polystyrene, polypropylene, polyurethane, polyesters, polyalkanes, and polyalkenes.

Claim 13 (Original) The restraint according to claim 11, wherein the outer layer comprises polyurethane.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The restraint according to claim 2, wherein the second layer has a hardness greater than that of the first layer.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) The restraint according to claim 2, wherein the attachment member includes a slot.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented) A laminated restraint for packaging glass sheets, the restraint comprising:

an outer layer having a first member and a second member defining a vertex, the outer layer having a major surface defined as a first major surface and an opposite major surface defined as a second major surface, the second major surface of the outer layer comprising major surfaces of the first and second members;

a first leg having a major surface defined as an inner surface configured to contact at least a portion of the glass sheets and an opposite major surface defined as an outer surface, the outer surface of the first leg secured to the second major surface of the first member of the outer layer; a second leg having a major surface defined as an inner surface of the second leg configured to contact at least a portion of the glass sheets and an opposite major surface defined as an outer surface of the second leg, the outer surface of the second leg secured to the second major surface of the second member

of the outer layer, wherein the inner surfaces of the first and second legs are comprised at least partly of a compressible material, and the first major surface of the outer layer is comprised at least partly of a material having a hardness greater than that of the compressible material, and

an attachment member formed on the first major surface of the outer layer.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented) The restraint according to claim 16, wherein the inner surfaces of the first and second legs comprise polyethylene.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended) The restraint according to claim 17, wherein the polyethylene is foamed polyethylene formed under a pressure ~~a density~~ of 3 to 9 pounds per square inch (~~0.2 kilograms/square meter to 0.6 square/square meter~~).

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) The restraint according to claim 16, wherein the first major surface of the outer layer comprises polyurethane.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented) The restraint according to claim 16 wherein the attachment member comprises a raised portion having a strap retainer portion.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended) A laminated The restraint for packaging glass sheets, the restraint comprising: according to claim 16,

an outer layer having a first member and a second member defining a vertex, the outer layer having a major surface defined as a first major surface and an opposite major surface defined as a second major surface, the second major surface of the outer layer comprising major surfaces of the first and second members, wherein the vertex comprises a groove in the second surface of the outer layer;

a first leg having a major surface defined as an inner surface configured to contact at least a portion of the glass sheets and an opposite major surface defined as an outer surface, the outer surface of the first leg secured to the second major surface of the first member of the outer layer; a

second leg having a major surface defined as an inner surface of the second leg configured to contact at least a portion of the glass sheets and an opposite major surface defined as an outer surface of the second leg, the outer surface of the second leg secured to the second major surface of the second member of the outer layer, wherein the inner surfaces of the first and second legs are comprised at least partly of a compressible material, and the first major surface of the outer layer is comprised at least partly of a material having a hardness greater than that of the compressible material, and adjacent ends of the first and second legs are spaced from one another, and the vertex comprises a groove in the second surface of the outer layer

an attachment member formed on the first major surface of the outer layer.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended) A laminated restraint for securing a plurality of articles, the restraint comprising:

an inner layer comprising foamed polyethylene formed under a pressure of 3 pounds to 9 pounds per square inch (0.2 kilograms/square meter to 0.6 square/square meter);

an outer layer having a major surface defined as a first major surface and an opposite major surface defined as a second major surface, the inner layer secured to the first major surface of the outer layer, the outer layer comprising polyurethane and having a hardness greater than that of the inner layer; and

at least one attachment member connected to the second major surface of the outer layer and having a slot.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented) A shipping container, comprising:

a base;

a plurality of articles carried on the base and defining a unit having at least two opposed edges;

at least one laminated restraint located along the two opposed edges, the restraint comprising:

an outer layer having a first member and a second member defining a vertex, the outer layer having a major

surface defined as a first major surface and an opposite major surface defined as a second major surface, the second major surface of the outer layer comprising major surfaces of the first and second members;

... a first leg having a major surface defined as an inner surface configured to contact at least a portion of the articles and an opposite major surface defined as an outer surface, the outer surface of the first leg secured to the second major surface of the first member of the outer layer;

a second leg having a major surface defined as an inner surface of the second leg configured to contact at least a portion of the articles and an opposite major surface defined as an outer surface of the second leg, the outer surface of the second leg secured to the second major surface of the second member of the outer layer, wherein the first and second legs comprise a compressible, resilient material and the outer layer comprises an abrasion-resistant material; and

an attachment member on the first major surface of the outer layer, and

a fastening member engaging the attachment member to secure the articles in the container .

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 23, wherein the articles are flat, frangible articles and further including a back wall secured to the base wherein edge of the articles is supported on the base with major surfaces of the articles facing the back wall and the fastening member biases the at least one laminated restraint and the articles toward the back wall.

Claim 25 (Original) The container according to claim 24, wherein the articles are flat glass sheets.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn) A method of shipping articles, comprising the steps of:

placing a plurality of articles on a base such that the articles form a glass stack having at least two opposed edges;

placing at least one restraint at each of the two opposed edges, the restraint comprising an inner material comprising a compressible, resilient material and an outer material comprising an abrasion-resistant material; and

placing a fastening member in contact with the restraints to secure the articles to the base.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 26, wherein the articles are glass sheets.